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1. WHEN SPC DISCUSSION TURNS TO LIMITATIONS PARAS OF TEXTS

IN REFTELS, YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AND INTRODUCE FOLLOWING REVISIONS.

2. THE US BELIEVES THAT, IF CONSTRAINTS ON US TANKS SHOULD BE NECESSARY, THE CONSTRAINTS SHOULD LEAVE THE US FREE TO RESTORE ITS DEFICIENT TANK STOCKS TO EARLIER AUTHORIZED LEVELS AND ALLOW FOR FURTHER INCREASES BEYOND THE RESTORED LEVELS, AND SHOULD BE NO MORE STRINGENT THAN THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON SOVIET NUCLEAR ELEMENTS.

3. THEREFORE, PARA 7 OF THE US DRAFT AHG GUIDANCE (REFTEL A) SHOULD BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS. IN SENTENCE 1, PARA 7 AFTER "SOME CONSTRAINT ON THE LEVEL OF US TANKS" AND BEFORE "COULD BE ACCEPTABLE," ADD "IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT US TANKS WOULD NOT BE INCREASED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO UNDERMINE THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT."

4. THE US DRAFT TEXT OF SUPPLEMENTARY UNDERSTANDINGS (REFTEL B) SHOULD BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS. CHANGE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 14 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "ANY LIMITATION ON US TANKS SHOULD FIRST LEAVE THE US FREE TO RESTORE ITS DEFICIENT TANK STOCKS TO EARLIER AUTHORIZED LEVELS; THE LIMITATION THEN APPLIED IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT US TANKS WOULD NOT BE INCREASED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO UNDERMINE THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO ALLOW INCREASES ABOVE THE RESTORED LEVEL OF US TANKS." INGERSOLL

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